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Tour Itinerary:

Oct 19 Mon Depart Washington DC (IAD) - Fly to Istanbul

Oct 20 Tue **ISTANBUL - THESSALONICA**
A Tutku representative will meet you at the Thessaloniki Airport after customs and baggage claim with a **"DR. JIM BAUCOM - TUTKU"** sign. We will transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay. (D)

Oct 21 Wed **PHILIPPI - THESSALONICA**
You will walk to the international terminal as a group to catch a morning flight to Thessalonica. Upon arrival in Thessalonica, we will drive to Philippi, where Paul founded a flourishing fellowship of Christ-followers with whom he would have ongoing contact and communication over the stretch of his ministry. We will visit the place where the baptism of Lydia and her household is remembered and see a crypt dating from the Roman period, where Paul and Silas are thought to have been imprisoned. We will also see in Philippi the acropolis, the agora, the basilica, and the theater. Upon return to Thessalonica, another Macedonian congregation begun by Paul and his co-workers and to whom he wrote 1-2 Thessalonians, we will visit St. George's Basilica, which, according to tradition, is built over the synagogue where Paul preached. We will also see the old city ramparts as well as the Arch of Galerius, which rises over the Via Egnatia. Additionally, we will see two of the most beautiful basilicas in the city, St. Sophia and St. Demetrios, the latter of which is dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)



Delphi

Oct 22 Thu **THESSALONIKI - BEREIA - METEORA - KALAMBAKA**
This morning we will drive to Veria (Berea) to see the Tomb of Philip before traveling to Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to visit one of the amazing monasteries in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.(B,D)

Oct 23 Fri **DELPHI - ATHENS**
Today, we travel to the scenic and historic city of Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world. We will walk the Sacra Via in order to see the Athenian Treasury, the theater, and the Temple of Apollo, where the oracle enacted its prophetic rituals. Having visited the museum at Delphi, we will continue to Athens for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 24 Sat **ATHENS**
This morning we will visit the world-renowned Acropolis, where we will see the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. After leaving the Acropolis, we will visit Mars Hill, the site of the Aeropagus and Paul's famed speech recorded in Acts 17. In the afternoon, we will visit the Acropolis Museum. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Athens. (B)

Oct 25 Sun **CORINTH - IZMIR**
Today, we will drive to ancient Corinth, where Paul lived and ministered for a year and a half. While in Corinth, Paul wrote 1-2 Thessalonians to the newly-established church in Thessalonica. Later, the church at Corinth would receive a number of letters from Paul, including 1-2 Corinthians. It was also in Corinth where Paul met fellow leather workers Aquila and Priscilla, who had come to Corinth from Rome due to persecution. In Corinth, we will see all of the Greek and Roman sites associated with Paul's ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema, and Gallio's Seat. Thereafter, we will drive to the Athens Airport for **A3996 ATH-ADB 17:25/18:25** flight to Izmir, where we will eat dinner and stay the night. (B,D)



Corinth



Temple of Trajan, Acropolis, Pergamum

Oct 26 Mon PERGAMUM - SARDIS - PAMUKKALE

We will begin the day by driving to Pergamum, where we will visit the Acropolis, with the steepest theater in the ancient world, and the Temple of Trajan. We will also visit the Red Basilica, which was an Egyptian Temple that was later converted into a church. Continuing to Sardis, we will see the massive scale of the Temple of Artemis by the white marble Royal Road, the gymnasium, and the synagogue. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale. (B,D)

Oct 27 Tue HIERAPOLIS - LAODICEA - KUSADASI

We will begin the day with a visit to Hierapolis and Pamukkale, where we will see the white calcified cliffs and the impressive theater. There, we will also see the Martyrium of St. Philip, the Gate of Domitian, and the column-lined streets and arches. Thereafter, we will visit Laodicea and see the latest excavations, including two theaters and a newly restored church. We will then continue to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Oct 28 Wed EPHEBUS - KUSADASI

Today, we tour Ephesus, where we will view the Library, the Agora, and the Temple of Artemis, which was considered to be one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. We will also visit the Basilica of St. John, which is the traditional site of his grave, and the Museum of Ephesus to see some of the artifacts from the ancient city. Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,D)

Oct 29 Thu MILETUS - SMYRNA - IZMIR

This morning we will visit Miletus and its well-preserved 15,000-seat theatre. Before we depart Miletus, we will visit a small but informative archaeological museum. We will then drive to Izmir to visit the Smyrna Agora. This evening we will enjoy a special farewell dinner at a local seafood restaurant located near the water. (B,D)

Oct 30 Fri IZMIR - ISTANBUL - Washington DC (IAD)

Transfer to Izmir Airport for return flights to Houston via Istanbul.



Sardis

LAND & AIR

\$5,990 Per Person in Double Occupancy

\$1,500 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- Roundtrip international airfare between Washington DC (IAD) and Istanbul on Economy Class
- Istanbul-Thessaloniki flight
- Athens-Izmir flight
- Izmir-Istanbul flight
- 2 Nights at Mediterranean Palace Hotel in Thessaloniki (or similar)
- 1 Night at Amalia Hotel in Kalambaka (or similar)
- 2 Nights at Divani Acropolis Hotel in Athens (or similar)
- 1 Night at Movenpick Hotel in Izmir (or similar)
- 1 Night at Doga Thermal Hotel in Pamukkale (or similar)
- 2 Nights at Charisma Hotel in Kusadasi (or similar)
- 1 Night at Movenpick Hotel in Izmir (or similar)
- Daily breakfasts
- 9 dinners
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All airport-hotel-airport transfers
- All transportation by private bus
- All entry fees to the sites and museums
- English-speaking, licensed tour guides in Greece and Turkey
- Service charges and local taxes

EXCLUDING

- Lunches and drinks
- Tips to tour guides and drivers
- All personal expenses and insurance

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

- **\$500 per person DEPOSIT by March 2, 2026**
- **FULL (Balance) PAYMENT due by July 20, 2026**

Land and Air Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made 60 days or more before departure: Full refund
 Cancellations made 45-59 days before departure: 75% refund
 Cancellations made 30-44 days before departure: 50% refund
 Cancellations made 15-29 days before departure: 25% refund
 Cancellations made 0-14 days before departure: No refund

In addition to the above cancellation policy, we charge a 5% processing fee for all refunds, regardless of the date of cancellation. This fee covers bank charges and administrative costs.

REGISTRATION

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